

1 AN ACT concerning voter registration.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 4-6.2 and 5-16.2 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-6.2)

7 Sec. 4-6.2. (a) The county clerk shall appoint all
8 municipal and township or road district clerks or their duly
9 authorized deputies as deputy registrars who may accept the
10 registration of all qualified residents of their respective
11 municipalities, townships and road districts. A deputy
12 registrar serving as such by virtue of his status as a
13 municipal clerk, or a duly authorized deputy of a municipal
14 clerk, of a municipality the territory of which lies in more
15 than one county may accept the registration of any qualified
16 resident of the municipality, regardless of which county the
17 resident, municipal clerk or the duly authorized deputy of
18 the municipal clerk lives in.

19 The county clerk shall appoint all precinct
20 committeepersons in the county as deputy registrars who may
21 accept the registration of any qualified resident of the
22 county, except during the 27 days preceding an election.

23 The election authority shall appoint as deputy registrars
24 a reasonable number of employees of the Secretary of State
25 located at driver's license examination stations and
26 designated to the election authority by the Secretary of
27 State who may accept the registration of any qualified
28 residents of the county at any such driver's license
29 examination stations. The appointment of employees of the
30 Secretary of State as deputy registrars shall be made in the
31 manner provided in Section 2-105 of the Illinois Vehicle

1 Code.

2 The county clerk shall appoint each of the following
3 named persons as deputy registrars upon the written request
4 of such persons:

5 1. The chief librarian, or a qualified person
6 designated by the chief librarian, of any public library
7 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept
8 the registrations of any qualified resident of the
9 county, at such library.

10 2. The principal, or a qualified person designated
11 by the principal, of any high school, elementary school,
12 or vocational school situated within the election
13 jurisdiction, who may accept the registrations of any
14 qualified resident of the county, at such school. The
15 county clerk shall notify every principal and
16 vice-principal of each high school, elementary school,
17 and vocational school situated within the election
18 jurisdiction of their eligibility to serve as deputy
19 registrars and offer training courses for service as
20 deputy registrars at conveniently located facilities at
21 least 4 months prior to every election. Principals, or
22 their qualified designees, of secondary and vocational
23 schools shall request appointment as deputy registrars
24 under this paragraph as coordinated by their school
25 district in order to ensure the availability of deputy
26 registrars throughout the school district during the
27 first 10 school days in May of each year to encourage the
28 registration of students 18 years of age or older.

29 3. The president, or a qualified person designated
30 by the president, of any university, college, community
31 college, academy or other institution of learning
32 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept
33 the registrations of any resident of the county, at such
34 university, college, community college, academy or

1 institution.

2 4. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona
3 fide labor organization, or a reasonable number of
4 qualified members designated by such official, who may
5 accept the registrations of any qualified resident of the
6 county.

7 5. A duly elected or appointed official of a
8 bonafide State civic organization, as defined and
9 determined by rule of the State Board of Elections, or
10 qualified members designated by such official, who may
11 accept the registration of any qualified resident of the
12 county. In determining the number of deputy registrars
13 that shall be appointed, the county clerk shall consider
14 the population of the jurisdiction, the size of the
15 organization, the geographic size of the jurisdiction,
16 convenience for the public, the existing number of deputy
17 registrars in the jurisdiction and their location, the
18 registration activities of the organization and the need
19 to appoint deputy registrars to assist and facilitate the
20 registration of non-English speaking individuals. In no
21 event shall a county clerk fix an arbitrary number
22 applicable to every civic organization requesting
23 appointment of its members as deputy registrars. The
24 State Board of Elections shall by rule provide for
25 certification of bonafide State civic organizations. Such
26 appointments shall be made for a period not to exceed 2
27 years, terminating on the first business day of the month
28 following the month of the general election, and shall be
29 valid for all periods of voter registration as provided
30 by this Code during the terms of such appointments.

31 6. The Director of the Illinois Department of
32 Public Aid, or a reasonable number of employees
33 designated by the Director and located at public aid
34 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified

1 resident of the county at any such public aid office.

2 7. The Director of the Illinois Department of
3 Employment Security, or a reasonable number of employees
4 designated by the Director and located at unemployment
5 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified
6 resident of the county at any such unemployment office.

7 8. The president of any corporation as defined by
8 the Business Corporation Act of 1983, or a reasonable
9 number of employees designated by such president, who may
10 accept the registrations of any qualified resident of the
11 county.

12 If the request to be appointed as deputy registrar is
13 denied, the county clerk shall, within 10 days after the date
14 the request is submitted, provide the affected individual or
15 organization with written notice setting forth the specific
16 reasons or criteria relied upon to deny the request to be
17 appointed as deputy registrar.

18 The county clerk may appoint as many additional deputy
19 registrars as he considers necessary. The county clerk shall
20 appoint such additional deputy registrars in such manner that
21 the convenience of the public is served, giving due
22 consideration to both population concentration and area.
23 Some of the additional deputy registrars shall be selected so
24 that there are an equal number from each of the 2 major
25 political parties in the election jurisdiction. The county
26 clerk, in appointing an additional deputy registrar, shall
27 make the appointment from a list of applicants submitted by
28 the Chairman of the County Central Committee of the
29 applicant's political party. A Chairman of a County Central
30 Committee shall submit a list of applicants to the county
31 clerk by November 30 of each year. The county clerk may
32 require a Chairman of a County Central Committee to furnish a
33 supplemental list of applicants.

34 Deputy registrars may accept registrations at any time

1 other than the 27 day period preceding an election. All
2 persons appointed as deputy registrars shall be registered
3 voters within the county and shall take and subscribe to the
4 following oath or affirmation:

5 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that
6 I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the
7 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will
8 faithfully discharge the duties of the office of deputy
9 registrar to the best of my ability and that I will register
10 no person nor cause the registration of any person except
11 upon his personal application before me.

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13 (Signature Deputy Registrar)"

14 This oath shall be administered by the county clerk, or
15 by one of his deputies, or by any person qualified to take
16 acknowledgement of deeds and shall immediately thereafter be
17 filed with the county clerk.

18 Appointments of deputy registrars under this Section,
19 except precinct committeemen, shall be for 2-year terms,
20 commencing on December 1 following the general election of
21 each even-numbered year; except that the terms of the initial
22 appointments shall be until December 1st following the next
23 general election. Appointments of precinct committeemen shall
24 be for 2-year terms commencing on the date of the county
25 convention following the general primary at which they were
26 elected. The county clerk shall issue a certificate of
27 appointment to each deputy registrar, and shall maintain in
28 his office for public inspection a list of the names of all
29 appointees.

30 (b) The county clerk shall be responsible for training
31 all deputy registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a),
32 at times and locations reasonably convenient for both the
33 county clerk and such appointees. The county clerk shall be
34 responsible for certifying and supervising all deputy

1 registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a). Deputy
2 registrars appointed under subsection (a) shall be subject to
3 removal for cause.

4 (c) Completed registration materials under the control
5 of deputy registrars, appointed pursuant to subsection (a),
6 shall be returned to the proper election authority within 7
7 days, except that completed registration materials received
8 by the deputy registrars during the period between the 35th
9 and 28th day preceding an election shall be returned by the
10 deputy registrars to the proper election authority within 48
11 hours after receipt thereof. The completed registration
12 materials received by the deputy registrars on the 28th day
13 preceding an election shall be returned by the deputy
14 registrars within 24 hours after receipt thereof. Unused
15 materials shall be returned by deputy registrars appointed
16 pursuant to paragraph 4 of subsection (a), not later than the
17 next working day following the close of registration.

18 (d) The county clerk shall not be required to provide
19 additional forms to any deputy registrar having more than 200
20 registration forms unaccounted for during the preceding 12
21 month period.

22 (e) No deputy registrar shall engage in any
23 electioneering or the promotion of any cause during the
24 performance of his or her duties.

25 (f) The county clerk shall not be criminally or civilly
26 liable for the acts or omissions of any deputy registrar.
27 Such deputy registrars shall not be deemed to be employees of
28 the county clerk.

29 (Source: P.A. 92-816, eff. 8-21-02.)

30 (10 ILCS 5/5-16.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-16.2)

31 Sec. 5-16.2. (a) The county clerk shall appoint all
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18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July
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